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1. U.S. CONCURS WITH DATES OF 12-14 JULY FOR NEXT
MEETING OF U.S. AND EC COMMISSION TO DISCUSS ENVIRON-
MENTAL ISSUES.

2. IN ORDER FOR U.S. TO PLAN FOR EXPERT PARTICIPATION
IN THIS MEETING, TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS NEED TO BE
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ON AGENDA TO APPROPRIATE COMMISSION OFFICIAL(S) AND

REPORT REACTIONS AS WELL AS ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS EC HAS TO OFFER RE ISSUES OF INTEREST. (WE HAVE TRIED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION SUGGESTIONS MADE AT LAST JULY'S U.S.-EC MEETING AND MEETING APRIL 26 BETWEEN EC COMMISSION AND U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL STAFFS.) U.S. PROPOSES LIMITING MEETING TO FOUR OR FIVE MAJOR TOPICS.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT PHOTOCHEMICAL OXIDANTS AND WASTE RECYCLING BE OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA UNLESS EC HAS PARTICULAR INTEREST IN EXPLORING THESE TOPICS AT THIS TIME. CONCERNING FORMER SUBJECT, WE SUGGEST THAT EC COMMISSION'S ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION SERVICE PLAN TO SEND A PARTICIPANT TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHOTOCHEMICAL OXIDANT AIR POLLUTION AND ITS CONTROL, TO BE HOSTED BY EPA, WITH OECD PATRONAGE, SEPTEMBER 12-17, 1976, IN RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NORTH CAROLINA. IF EC REMAINS INTERESTED IN A DISCUSSION WITH EPA ON THE SUBJECT, ITEM COULD BE INCLUDED IN SUBSEQUENT U.S.-EC MEETING. CONCERNING RECYCLING, WHILE WE REALIZE IT IS AN IMPORTANT FACET OF EC'S SECOND ACTION PROGRAM ON THE ENVIRONMENT, TOPIC IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS OECD, AND BILATERALLY. IF EC WISHES TO KEEP RECYCLING ON AGENDA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER DETAILS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS IT WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON.

4. U.S. IS WILLING TO KEEP REMOTE SENSING ON THIS MEETING'S AGENDA IF EC CAN PROVIDE MORE DETAILS. BEFORE SELECTING AN EXPERT PARTICIPANT, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING EC WOULD LIKE COVERED. FOR OUR PART, THE EPA REMAINS VERY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING DRINKING WATER QUALITY WITH EC COMMISSION STAFF.

5. U.S. WILL GLADLY DISCUSS CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES THROUGH EFFLUENT GUIDELINES AND CONCEPT OF BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY IN U.S. AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMS, AS SUGGESTED IN APRIL 26 MEETING. WE WILL, IN TURN, BE INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

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IN THE WATER AREA.

6. SHALL WE ASSUME THAT THE EC WILL STILL WANT AN UPDATE ON U.S. TOXIC SUBSTANCES LEGISLATION? APROPOS CHEMICALS, DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE UPCOMING OECD CONSULTATION ON PCBS, THERE MAY BE ONE OR TWO POINTS OF INTEREST TO PURSUE IN MORE DEPTH.

7. IN OUR VIEW, ITEMS SUCH AS EPA COOPERATION IN ISOTOPIC LEAD STUDY, A STATUS REPORT ON EC'S EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY OF HEALTH EFFECTS OF SLEEP DISTURBANCE BY NOISE AND EPA INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION, POSSIBLE EC INPUT TO EPA REGISTER OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS FOUND IN WATER, AND STATUS OF EPA-EC-WHO TISSUE BANK WORKSHOP CAN BE HANDLED WITHOUT TAKING TOO MUCH TIME AWAY FROM BROADER DISCUSSION TOPICS ON AGENDA OR CAN BE HANDLED OUTSIDE OF LARGER MEETING WITH SHORT REPORT ON ACTION FOR INCLUSION IN RECORD OF THE MEETING. WOULD THE EC CONCUR?

8. ON THE POSSIBLE TOPIC OF URBAN SPRAWL, OUR INTEREST

IS NOT STRONG AT THIS POINT, IN PART DUE TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN HABITAT WHICH ARE OCCUPYING THE FULL ATTENTION OF KEY PEOPLE IN THIS AREA. UNLESS THE COMMUNITIES HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN RETAINING THE SUBJECT ON THE JULY AGENDA, WE SUGGEST IT BE DEFERRED FOR SOME SUBSEQUENT MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE QUITE INTERESTED IN RETAINING "ENDANGERED SPECIES" ON THE AGENDA AND HOPE THE EC STILL SHARES OUR INTEREST IN LOOKING AT THE ISSUE. SUCH A REVIEW SHOULD NOT, ON THE OTHER HAND, BE A PARTICULARLY BURDENSOME ONE FOR THE AGENDA, PROBABLY FITTING IN THE CATEGORY OF SUBJECTS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH 7 ABOVE.

9. LASTLY, WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN AND WILLING TO PURSUE FURTHER THE QUESTION OF THE POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE (PPP) AND WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EXISTING FINANCIAL AIDS IN THE U.S., HOPING TO HEAR IN RETURN A STATUS REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON MEMBERS' IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS NEW GUIDELINES. KISSINGER

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